Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Once.

(2) Rs. 194—12—0.

(3) Rs. 500.

Reading Room—Irinjalakkuda.

266. **Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Reading Rooms aided by the Government are not open and free to the public for reading papers, etc ;

(b) whether they are aware that the Victoria Jubilee Reading Room at Irinjalakkuda is one aided by the Government;

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction that the public are debarred from making use of the said Reading Room at present ;

(d) if the answer to question (c) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action in the matter, and if so, what ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Generally they are open to the public though it has not been laid down as one of the conditions governing the grant to be paid to them.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Secretary has reported that the rules of the Reading Room have since been modified in a general body meeting and that the Reading Room is now open to the public. Steps are being taken to amend the rules governing the grant to the Reading Rooms when provision will be made to throw open Reading Rooms to the public for reading papers, etc.

T. B. at Kuthiran.

267. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what objections, if any, they entertain against establishing a first class Travellers' Bungalow over Kuthiran and the date when the same will be undertaken with special reference to the fact that the place is an exceilent summer and health resort ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government are informed that the Kuthiran on the Paravattani Hills is one of the most malarial spots in the State. It is not therefore advisable to build a Travellers' Bungalow at that place.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether it is malarial in Summer.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not highly malarial in Summer.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Therefore, will the Government be pleased to build a Bungalow there for travellers' use in Summer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which are the months of Summer, please?

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—Is it not a matter of opinion? Am I to understand whether there is any portion of the year which is not malarial?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—During the monsoons it is not malarial?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to that particular season, will the Government put up a building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—T. B. is to be a permanent building. I don't think it is necessary there.

College question—Anappara.

268. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the recent Pro-Anappara agitation, will the Government be pleased to state the names of Hon'ble Members of this House who took up the position that this House did not represent the public opinion of the State;

(b) the reasons why Mr. Ravunni Menon of the Madras University and others of that fraternity are connected with the movement in 'a'?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Member is referred to the Legislative Council Proceedings dated 28th Karkadagam 1106 of the last budget session.

(b) Government have no information regarding the inference indicated in the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) Who are all the Hon'ble Member s of this House who went in deputation to the Diwan and took up this position?

Deputy President.—If I remember aright, it was answered yesterday. I saw it in the Appendix.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— That will do.

Branches of Indian National Congress.

269 **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that there are some branches in our State of the institution, called the Indian National Congress;

(b) whether they are aware that a considerable portion of Indians are keeping themselves aloof from the said institution in (a) and have organised their own representative institutions;

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